

REMARKS

In furtherance to the amendments and remarks filed October 20, 2005, the Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 11 to address the Examiner's concern that the term "several seconds" could be interpreted as encompassing the Cummings ~60 second teachings. While the Applicants do not believe that the present claims, when read in the context of the specification, could reasonably be read to include so long a period, in order to advance this case, the "several seconds" limitation has been revised to recite an upper limit of "less than ten seconds." This period is consistent with the present specification. *See, e.g.*, Substitute Specification at 5:20-21, 25-26 ("the condensation layer is drawn off within second"; "the condensation layer is suctioned off ... after a short reaction time").

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that on entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-18 are respectfully requested.


If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029082.53055US).

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Respectfully submitted,

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